
Subject: Re: Serial Port

Posted by [ashmall](#) on Fri, 29 Jan 1999 08:00:00 GMT

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Apologies for following up to my article but...

If you're not reading a fixed amount of bytes from the port, to terminate the transmission I think you have to send byte value 4, something like:

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get_lun, u
openw, u, "COM1:"
text = "Hello Mum"
writeu, u, text + string(4b)
close, u
free_lun, u
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Justin

In article <78s43i\$pec\$1@jura.cc.ic.ac.uk>, ashmall@my-dejanews.com (Justin Ashmall) wrote:

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> We've done this under NT4. We just open a file as normal with OPENR or OPENW
> (for reading or writing to the port), but in the place of the file name use
> COM1: or COM2: (not forgetting the colons). The only problem is if you try to
> read from the port and it gets no data - it either hangs or has a very long
> time out.
> If you're having trouble email me at justin@ic.ac.uk and I'll dig out the
> code for you.
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> Justin
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> In article <36B0B2B5.1C0A2FB7@va.aetc.com>, bpuc@va.aetc.com wrote:
>> Is there anybody who has written any IDL code to access the serial
>> port on a PC or UNIX platform? I'd be interested in seeing
>> implementations.
>> Thanks.
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